ried out by the State Authorities and various Central Organisations for immediate succour.

Plight of Gujjar Bakarwals Community of J&K

722. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujjar Bakarwals of Jammu and Kashmir, forming one-third of the 76 lakh population of the State, are the most harassed lot these days in view of the half-hearted implementation of the reservation order for them by the State Government;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to render justice in this behalf;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Governor has not so far issued any orders to reserve 10 Assembly constituencies for the Gujjar having 10 per cent population and who had been listed as Scheduled Tribes by the Government of India in 1991; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) The Gujjar and Bakarwal Communities were notified as Scheduled Tribe in the year 1991. By virtue of this, they are entitled to the benefits as provided in the Constitution of India as applicable to J&K and the provisions of the J&K Constitution and other State laws. The Government of J&K have informed that efforts continue to ensure that these benefits are made available fully to the members of these communities.

(c) and (d) Reservation of Assembly Seats is regulated by the J&K Constitution and the J&K Representation of peoples Act.1957, which presently do not provide for reservation of Assembly seats for Scheduled Tribes.

Destruction of buildings by Ultras

723. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 23rd January, 1995 under the caption "Ultras destroy buildings";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been instituted into the matter and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take against militants in the Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) During the period in question militants set fire to three school buildings and a private/abandoned house in Srinagar causing damage to the property, and hurled a crude bomb which hit the family quarters adjacent to police station Shergari, in Srinagar causing some damage to the building and glass-panes. Cases are being registered whenever such incidents occur, but by their very nature it is difficult to locate/identify individual miscreants in such hit and run attacks. Measures have been taken to strengthen and intensify vigilance and patrolling in vulnerable and sensitive areas, streamlining of the intelligence apparatus, bringing about better coordination between various agencies, increasing the involvement of the local police in anti-militant operations, building up greater public awareness and soliciting public cooperation in containing and preventing such incidents.